

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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Liturgy Schedule

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

First Saturday 6:30 PM

Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY: 9:15 AM

MONDAY: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4 – 4:45 PM

Parish Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 to 12:00

Wed. : 9:00 to 12:00

CLOSED HOLIDAYS



Registration – All parishioners should be properly registered in the parish. Please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage – Contact the parish office as soon as possible, before establishing a date for the wedding. The Diocese requires 12 months advance notice and preparation for Marriage.

Baptism, Sacrament of the Sick, Shut-ins – Please contact the parish office to register for Baptism. One sponsor (Godparent) should be a practicing Catholic (if married, married in the church; attending Mass every weekend; moral life; etc.). One sponsor may be a practicing Protestant (called a Christian witness). We strive to visit parishioners homebound and those in the hospital. Please call the parish office if you would like us to visit, or if you are preparing for surgery.

Mass Cards & Memorial contributions – Mass cards in memory of the deceased and for special intentions are available after masses at the Religious Articles Corner. To make a memorial contribution, please contact the parish office.

CCD – Religious instruction for children meets after the 9:15 Mass until 11:45 from September to May. These classes are necessary before children receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact the parish office for more information or registration.

Parish Pastoral Council – Meets the 3rd Monday of each month, from September to May. Please call the parish office for information.

Knight of Columbus – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

Women's Guild – Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the social hall.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – These are classes for those desiring to join the Catholic Church. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

NFP (Natural Family Planning) – This is the only Catholic-approved means of regulating birth. Classes are offered frequently and are free to all who want to learn about this spiritual & effective way to plan a family. For information, call Martin & Mary Smith, 717-935-5256.

Prayer Chain – Prayers for all who are in need of prayers for whatever reason. Please contact the parish office for more information.

August 26, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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Income for August 19, 2018	\$ 1,851.75
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 150.00
Tithe for August 19, 2018	\$ 200.00
Shelter Services, Inc.	

Dates to Remember

**Monday, August 27, 2018- Mass of Reconciliation followed by Holy Hour
Saint Jude Thaddeus at 7:00pm**

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018-Women's Guild
First meeting of the new year at 6:30pm.
Come and join us as we begin planning activities for the current year. See Cathy Fitzgerald for more information.**

**Saturday, September 1 - Blood Drive
Knights of Columbus-Social Hall**

**Sunday, September 2, 2018- Juniata County
Fair Community Worship Service-4:30 PM
Will be held rain or shine.**

**Sunday, September 9, 2018- Parent meeting
for all who have students in the
Confirmation class. This will take place
after Mass. See Dan Ames with questions.**

Thank You!

Thank you to all who answered the call for CCD teachers. We are so happy to report that we now have teachers to cover all the classes plus several who are willing to sub if a teacher is not available for some reason. May God bless each of you.

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2018

“Joshua addressed all the people, ‘If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve... as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.’...But the people answered, ‘Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods...He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey...Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.’”

Not a day goes by when we fail to make decisions. Some are important, others of little value. Many we do not ‘give a second thought to.’ As I read the instruction of Joshua, the chosen successor of Moses, I find him challenging the people – decide, and decide today. Like the people he spoke to, I probably can affirm the choice I have already made to follow and serve the Lord. But let’s take it a step further. Do I only pay lip service or do I act? Do I try to make a difference in the lives of others? What is the quality of my service?

Joshua said ‘decide today’. Are you ready?

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel and told them if it did not please them to serve God, then they must decide who they would serve. The people claimed that God had brought them out of slavery and protected them on their journey. Therefore, they would serve, the Lord their God, and no one else.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loved the Church. They should nourish and care for each other as Christ cared for the church. Through the union between the two, they become one.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' followers were still disturbed by his teaching of the living bread, which they could not yet fully understand. Jesus explained that the Spirit gives life, and flesh is unimportant. Some of the disciples decided to leave. Jesus asked if the Twelve also wanted to leave. Although they do not completely understand yet, they have enough faith in Jesus to stay because they believe he is God's holy one.

Live  of God
in the presence

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

And Weekly Readings



Saturday, August 25: Weekday

Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Psalm 89:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Matthew 23:1-12

5:00 PM Gaye Curdo

Sunday, August 26: 21st Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

9:15 AM Kenneth Sowers

Monday, August 27: St. Monica (Memorial)

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Matthew 23:13-22

9:00 AM People of the Parish

7:00 PM Mass of Reconciliation and Holy Hour

Tuesday, August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13; Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist (Memorial)

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5; Mark 6:17-29

Thursday August 30: Weekday

Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, August 31: Weekday

1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, September 1: Weekday

1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Matthew 25:14-30

5:00 PM Gaye Curdo

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 2: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

9:15 AM Randall Hafer

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 8/25

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

Sunday: 8/26

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Monday: 8/27

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Mass of Reconciliation and Holy Hour/7:00pm/church

Tuesday: 8/28

Women's Guild/ 6:30pm/social hall

Wednesday: 8/29

No Event

Thursday: 8/30

No Event

Friday: 8/31

No Event

Saturday: 9/01

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive/ Social Hall

Mass 5:00pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/ 6:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 9/02

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Minister Schedule

September 1 & September 2, 2018

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. & A. Flores

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018: 9:15am

EMHCD. D. Treaster G. Best J. Fitzgerald

Lector: H. Kelly

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: T. Kelly S. Kelly C. Murphy

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: A. Thawley T. Newcamp



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

National Council of the United States

Seeking Charity and Justice

If you are in need of some help or know of someone who is in need of assistance. Please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 242-2781. *Requests for help are kept confidential*

Sign Up Today – November 3, 2018

As part of the events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the diocese of Harrisburg, **Bishop Gainer will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.** This will be the first time Bishop Gainer will lead our diocese to Washington since he was installed in 2014. **Scheduled events for the day include:** *Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer as Celebrant and Homilist, Eucharistic Adoration, Celebration of the Luminous, Mysteries of the Rosary and Sacrament of Penance.* There will be free time for Lunch, Private Prayer, Shopping at the Shrine Gift Shop and a Self-Guided Tour of the Basilica. **Sacred Heart has reserved a bus for this special day. Cost is \$25/per person. Departure and return times to be determined. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.** For more information about upcoming events for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg go to www.hbgdiocese.org/150.



BE NOT AFRAID

This year St. Jude's Council of the Knight's of Columbus will be leading the meditation of the rosary throughout the month of October, Respect Life Month. Please plan to join us all Sundays in October at 8:45 am before Mass. Please join us as we come together in prayer and meditation as we ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession during Respect Life month.

2018 Diocesan Women's Conference



Women of Life and Love: Celebrating 50 Years of Humanae Vitae is the theme of the 4th annual Diocesan Women's Conference. Join us

at Bishop McDevitt High School on **October 20, 2018** for Mass by Bishop Gainer, excellent music by "Women at the Well", 30+ workshops by a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, nationally know Catholic speaker and author Jennifer Fulwiler as the keynote speaker and much more. We are hoping for 1,000 women strong in attendance this year. Check the bulletin for additional information in the coming weeks.



Cemetery of Innocents

We will be ending the sale of crosses for the Cemetery of Innocents this week-end. If you would like to purchase crosses, please see Colleen Hazard or Megan Miller after Mass. The Cemetery of Innocents will be built on September 30 after the 9:15 am Mass for those who wish to help. Lunch will be provided. Thank you for all your support in this very worthwhile display of life and love

Washington DC Pilgrimage

A generous parishioner has offered 4 "scholarships", to aid those who would like to take part in the pilgrimage to Washington, DC in November, and are unable to finance the \$ 25.00 bus fee. Please contact Gale in the office for details.

Stewardship: A Mission of Faith,

invites you to join Fr. Michael Gaitley, Jason Evert, Msgr. John Esseff, Bishop Alfred Schlert and many more, for an adult conference this fall.

The event will be held on Wed., Sept. 19th and Thur., Sept. 20th.



One and two-day tickets are available. The conference will be held in Elizabethtown, PA, at the beautiful Stone Gables Estates which features the historic Star Barn Village and Ironstone Ranch. In between the 6 keynote talks, 24 workshops, daily Mass and evening adoration, you can enjoy 275 acres of God's creation including horseback riding, wagon rides, campfires, an outdoor stations of the cross, Marian grotto, vineyard and more! For complete information, visit us at www.stewardshipmission.org and click on the Fall Conference link. We'll see YOU in September!

Scholarship Available

There is one full scholarship available for any child entering kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. If you know anyone who would be interested, please contact the school office during office hours or the parish office.

Enroll Now for the 2018-19 School Year!

SHS still has openings for Grades K-5 for the 2018-2019 school year. If you or someone you know has a child ready for Kindergarten or looking to transfer, come and visit or encourage them to take a look at SHS. **We are currently offering a tuition transfer grant to any child going into grades 1 through 5 for the 2018-2019 school year.** Any public, private, charter or home-school student who transfers to SHS is eligible to receive a Tuition Transfer Grant. Each student will receive \$1,500 in grants over the course of 2 years. Restrictions apply and no financial aid forms are required.

Scheduled Time Away

Fr. Jay will be away from the parish on business from Sept. 3rd-13th visiting in India to sign legal documents for his school.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will begin **Adult Bible Study on Sept. 4th at 7:00 PM** in the parish office on N. Brown St. We will be studying the book of Job. You may pick up your books at the parish office or get them at the first lesson on Sept. 4th. **A donation of \$20 is appreciated.**



Music Teacher Needed
Sacred Heart School is currently seeking an instrumental music teacher to offer lessons two days a week at the school. Lessons

are given once a week in half hour increments on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Lessons are during school hours. Last year 19 students took lessons with the vast majority taking piano and a few taking guitar or drum. Instruments taught depend on the teacher's offering. Parents generally pay \$10 per lesson. Any candidate will need to obtain standard clearances to work with children. These are students ages 6 to 10 and are wonderful to work with. If interested, please contact the school at 717-248-5351.

THE WILD GOOSE

This fall/spring we will be doing the Wild Goose series. "The Wild Goose was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit...Apart from the Wild Goose there is no life...The Wild Goose Project is a simple attempt to invite Catholic Christians into a more profound life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship marked by the love of God which breathes life into our daily existence.", Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. The sessions will be structured similar to the Christ Life series and will be available in both English and Spanish. For the first session a meal will be served. Please join us Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm, beginning September 30th thru November 18th, 2018 for the first half of this beautiful series on the Holy Spirit. While there is no cost for the sessions, we ask that you register for the series to help in preparing the materials. If you have any questions please contact Ralph Perez 717-543-1905.



RECONCILIATION

Please plan on participating in a Mass of Reconciliation followed by Holy Hour at Saint Jude Thaddeus Church on Monday, August 27 at 7:00pm. We are asking God's forgiveness for the recent child abuse exposed in the various Dioceses in Pennsylvania and offering prayers for the many victims of this abuse.

